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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Security Staff, OSA
SUBJECT : Courier Travel via First Class Accommodations
REFERENCE : OSA 6242, dated 19 December 1963

1. Regardless of the provisions of OSA Headquarters Notice [redacted] and Headquarters Regulation [redacted] the use of First Class accommodations on airplanes for operational purposes, i.e. couriering of classified material, etc., may be approved by any officer who has been delegated as "approving officer" for travel. Therefore, an exception to [redacted] to authorize courier travel via First Class accommodations is unnecessary.

2. The Support Division concurs in the use of First Class accommodations for courier personnel required to transport material in the cabin of a commercial airliner.

3. It is not understood as to why the requirement for the couriers to ride First Class when the couriered material is transported in the cargo compartment of the aircraft. It is realized that in most flights, the First Class passengers are disembarked first; however, I would assume that the courier would be required to make arrangements to be the first passenger off the aircraft. I would assume that the same arrangements could be made just as well in Tourist Class.

[redacted] Certainly, no problem exists in being the last passenger to board the aircraft in either First or Tourist Class.

4. It is requested therefore, when First Class accommodations are being requested for courier personnel, a statement to this effect be included on the request for travel orders indicating First Class accommodations are

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necessary for operational reasons. With this requested statement, First Class will be authorized courier personnel notwithstanding paragraph 3 above.

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